State of Vermont Executive Department A Proclamation

- WHEREAS, the catastrophic injury or death of a parent or guardian can have a devastating emotional and financial impact on any family; and
- WHEREAS, when the injury or death results from a work-related accident, workers' compensation benefits are often insufficient to allow the injured or deceased worker's children to pursue their educational goals; and
- WHEREAS, Kids' Chance of Vermont was incorporated in June 2014 as a nonprofit organization to provide educational scholarships to young Vermonters whose mothers or fathers have suffered serious, catastrophic or fatal workplace injuries or illnesses; and
- WHEREAS,Kids' Chance of Vermont believes that access to higher education ensures our state's
young people have the knowledge and skills to be successful in the workplace,
provide for their families and make a difference in their communities; and
- WHEREAS, Kids' Chance of Vermont has provided more than \$170,000 in scholarships in the ten years since its inception, helping Vermont students attend college, university, vocational and trade programs; and
- WHEREAS,November 18-22, 2024 has been designated Kids' Chance Awareness Week in order
to increase the visibility of Kids' Chance organizations throughout the United States
and to inform others about Kids' Chance scholarship opportunities.

NOW, THEREFORE,

I, Philip B. Scott, Governor, hereby proclaim November 18-22, 2024 as



Brittney **O**Wilson Secretary of Civil and Military Affairs

KIDS' CHANCE AWARENESS WEEK in Vermont.

Given under my hand and the Great Seal of the State of Vermon on this 17th day of November, A.D. 2024.

Philip B. Sco Governor